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SOME DIRECTIONS OF OUR LORD JESUS AND HIS FRIENDS CONCERNING PRAYER.

AFTER this manner therefore pray ye:
Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread:
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

When Thou prayest, enter into Thy closet, and when thou hast shut Thy door, pray to Thy Father, which is in secret; and Thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe

that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Continue in prayer.

God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.

Pray one for another.

And this is the confidence that we have in Him that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.

The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but

the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. . . . He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

OUR LORD'S HABIT OF PRAYER.

AND in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him.

He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, He was there alone.

He withdrew Himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

He took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray; and as He prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered, and His raiment was white and glistering.

Our Lord's Habit of Prayer

I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not.

I pray for them.

Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

And being in an agony, He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

SOME OF THE PRAYERS OF OUR LORD JESUS.

In Gethsemane.

O MY Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me! nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt.

O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, Thy will be done.

On Calvary.

I thirst.

My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?

Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

Father into Thy hands I commend my Spirit.

It is finished.

FATHER, the hour is come;
Glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee:
As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh,
That He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him.
And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God,
And Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.
I have glorified Thee on the earth:
I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do.
And now, O Father, glorify Thou me with Thine own self,
With the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.
I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest me out of the world:
Thine they were, and Thou gavest them me;
And they have kept Thy word.
Now they have known that all things whatsoever Thou hast given me are of Thee.
For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest me;
And they have received them,

And have known surely that I came out from Thee,
And they have believed that Thou didst send me.
I pray for them:
I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given me; for they are Thine.
And all mine are Thine, and Thine are mine;
And I am glorified in them.

And now I am no more in the world,
But these are in the world, and I come to Thee.
Holy Father, keep through Thine own Name
Those whom Thou hast given me,
That they may be one, as we are.
While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name:
Those that Thou gavest me I have kept,
And none of them is lost, but the Son of perdition;
That the scripture might be fulfilled.
And now come I to Thee;
And these things I speak in the world,
That they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
I have given them Thy word;
And the world hath hated them,
Because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world,

But that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil.
They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
Sanctify them through Thy truth:
Thy word is truth.
As Thou hast sent me into the world,
Even so have I also sent them into the world.
And for their sakes I sanctify myself,
That they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Neither pray I for these alone,
But for them also which shall believe on me through their word;
That they all may be one;
As Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee,
That they also may be one in us:
That the world may believe that Thou hast sent me.
And the glory which Thou gavest me I have given them;
That they may be one, even as we are one:
I in them, and Thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one;
And that the world may know
That Thou hast sent me, and hast loved them,
As Thou hast loved me.
Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given me,

Be with me, where I am;
That they may behold my glory, which Thou hast given me:
For Thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.
O Righteous Father,
The world hath not known Thee:
But I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent me.
And I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare it:
That the love wherewith Thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard me.
And I know that Thou hearest me always.

Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify Thy name.

I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes; even so, Father; for so, it seemeth good in Thy sight.

PART I—PERSONAL PRAYERS.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND PRAISE.

Of God the Father.
Of God in Jesus Christ.
Of God in Creation.

O LORD my God,
With the merciful, Thou wilt shew Thyself merciful;
With an upright man, Thou wilt shew Thyself upright;
With the pure, Thou wilt shew Thyself pure.
Thou wilt light my candle;
Thou wilt enlighten my darkness:
Thou wilt gird me with strength:
Thy right hand hath holden me up,
And Thy gentleness hath made me great.
I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord,
And sing praises unto Thy name.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are Thy judgments,

And Thy ways past finding out!
For who hath known Thy mind, O Lord,
Or who hath been Thy counsellor?
Or who hath first given unto Thee
And it shall be recompensed unto him again?
For of Thee, and through Thee, and to Thee are all things:
To Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Great and marvellous are Thy works,
Lord God Almighty:
Just and true are Thy ways,
Thou King of Saints.
Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord,
And glorify Thy name?
For Thou art holy:
All nations shall come and worship before Thee:
For Thy judgments are manifest.

Thou, Lord, art my strength and song;
And Thou art become my salvation:
Thou art my God, and I will prepare Thee a habitation:
My father's God and I will exalt Thee.
Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power:
Who is like unto Thee, O Lord?
Who is like unto Thee,

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Glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?
Thou in Thy mercy hast led forth Thy people
Which Thou hast redeemed.
Thou hast guided them in Thy strength, unto Thy holy habitation,
Thou, O Lord shalt reign for ever and ever.

Thou, Lord, art my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
Thou, Lord, art the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
Though an host should encamp against me, in this will I be confident.
One thing have I desired of Thee, O Lord,
That will I seek after;
That I may dwell in Thy house, O Lord, all the days of my life,
To behold Thy beauty and to enquire in Thy temple.

O Lord, I have waited for Thee:
The desire of my soul is to Thy name,
And to the remembrance of Thee.
With my soul have I desired Thee in the night:
Yea, with my spirit within me will I seek Thee early:
O Lord our God, other lords beside Thee have had dominion over me:

But by Thee only will I make mention of Thy name.
They are dead, they shall not live;
They are deceased, they shall not rise:
Therefore hast Thou visited and destroyed them,
And made all their memory to perish.

O Lord, I will praise Thee:
Though Thou wast angry with me,
Thine anger is turned away
And Thou comfortedest me.
O Lord, Thou art my Salvation:
I will trust and not be afraid:
For Thou, Lord Jehovah, art my strength and my song.

O CHRIST!
Thou art worthy:
For Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood,
Out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation:
And hast made us unto our God, kings, and priests:
And we shall reign upon the earth.

Worthy art Thou; the Lamb that was slain
To receive power and riches, and wisdom, and strength and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing, and honour, and glory and power,
Be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

O Lord:
Thou art great, and Thy name is great in might.
Who would not fear Thee,
O King of Nations?

I LIFT up mine eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help?
My help cometh from Thee, O Lord, which made heaven and earth,
And Thou wilt not suffer my foot to be moved:
Thou that keepeth me wilt not slumber;
Yea, Thou that keepeth Israel wilt neither slumber nor sleep.
Thou, O Lord, art my Keeper:
Thou art my shade upon the right hand.
The sun shall not smite me by day, nor the moon by night.
Thou, Lord, shalt preserve me from all evil,
Thou shalt preserve my soul.
O Lord, preserve my going out and my coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

O Lord our God, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!
Thou hast set Thy glory above the heavens.
When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers;
The moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;
What is man, that Thou art mindful of him?

And the Son of Man, that Thou visitest him?
For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,
And hast crowned him with glory and honour.
Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet:
All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;
The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,
And whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

The heavens declare Thy glory, O God:
And the firmament sheweth Thy handywork.
Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night sheweth knowledge.
There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.
Their line is gone out through all the earth
And their words to the end of the world.
In them, Thou hast set a tabernacle for the sun,
Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
His going forth is from the end of the heaven,

And his circuit unto the ends of it;
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works!
In wisdom hast Thou made them all:
The earth is full of Thy riches.
So is this great and wide sea,
Wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.
Thou openest Thine hand and they are filled with good.
Thou hidest Thy face, they are troubled;
Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to the dust.
Thou sendest forth Thy spirit, they are created;
Thou renewest the face of the earth.
Thy glory shall endure for ever.
I will sing praise unto Thee as long as I live.
Let sin and wickedness be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah.

Blessed be Thy glorious name,
Which is exalted above all blessing and praise.
Thou, even Thou, art Lord alone:
Thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens with all their host,
The earth, and all things that are therein,

The seas, and all that is therein, and Thou preservest them all;
And the host of heaven worship Thee.
Thou art the Lord, the God,
Who didst choose Abram and broughtest him forth;
And foundest his heart faithful before Thee
And madest a covenant with him,
And hast performed Thy words;
For Thou art righteous.

May God in all things be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION.

A Litany of Repentance.

Confessions:

Of Personal Sin.
Of Social Sin.
Of Sins of Youth.

O Lord God:

IF I have walked with vanity or if my foot hath hasted to deceit,

O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee.

If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes,

O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee.

If I have despised the cause of my manservant, or my maidservant, when they contended with me,

O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee.

If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail,

O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee.

If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering,
O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee.
If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless,
O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee.
If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence,
O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee.
If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much,
O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee.
If I have rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him,
O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee.
If I have covered my transgressions, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom,
O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee.
I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes,
O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee. Amen.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness:
According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
Wash me throughly from mine iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my transgressions;
And my sin is ever before me.
Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned,
And done this evil in Thy sight.
Purge me and I shall be clean:
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Hide Thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, Thou wilt not answer me.
But verily, Thou hast heard me;
Thou hast attended to the voice of my prayer.

Withhold not Thou Thy tender mercies from me,
O Lord;
Let Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth continually
preserve me.
For innumerable evils have compassed me about:
Mine iniquities have taken hold upon me,
So that I am not able to look up;
Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me:
O Lord, make haste to help me:
I am poor and needy; yet Thou dost think of me;
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
Make no tarrying, O my God.

Help me, O Lord my God:
O save me according to Thy mercy.

O Lord, rebuke me not in Thy wrath:
Neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.
For Thine arrows stick fast in me,
And Thy hand presseth me sore.
There is no soundness in my flesh because of Thine
anger;
Neither is there any rest in my bones because of my
sin.
For mine iniquities are gone over my head:
I am feeble and sore broken:
Lord, all my desire is before Thee:

In Thee, O Lord, do I hope:
Thou wilt hear, O Lord my God;
For I am ready to halt and my sorrow is continually before me,
Forsake me not, O Lord:
O my God be not far from me.
Make haste to help me,
O Lord, my Salvation.
O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee.

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me.

O God, Thou knowest my foolishness;
And my sins are not hid from Thee.
Let not them that wait on Thee, O Lord God of Hosts, be ashamed for my sake:
Let not those that seek Thee be confounded for my sake,
O God of Israel.
For Thy sake I have borne reproach:
Shame hath covered my face.

O God, in the multitude of Thy mercy hear me:
Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink.
Hear me, O Lord: for Thy lovingkindness is good:

Turn unto me according to the multitude of Thy
tender mercies.
And hide not Thy face from Thy servant;
For I am in trouble:
Hear me speedily.
Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it.

For Thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity:
For it is great.
Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me;
For I am desolate and afflicted.
Look upon mine affliction and my pain;
And forgive all my sins.
O keep my soul, and deliver me:
For I put my trust in Thee.
Redeem me, O God, out of all my troubles.
Remember me, O my God, and spare me according to
Thy mercy.

O Lord my God, if there be iniquity in my hands:
If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace
with me:
Judge me, O God, according to Thy righteousness.
My defence is of Thee.
I will sing praise to Thy name, O Lord most High.

REMEMBER me, O Lord, with the favour that
Thou barest unto Thy people:
O visit me with Thy salvation;
That I may see the good of Thy chosen,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of Thy people,
That I may glory with Thine inheritance,
We have sinned with our fathers,
We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
Our fathers understood not Thy miracles:
They remembered not the multitude of Thy mercies.
Save us, O Lord our God,
And gather us from among the heathen,
To give thanks unto Thy Holy Name,
And to triumph in Thy praise.
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting
to everlasting. Amen. Hallelujah.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
O my God, I trust in Thee:
Let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.
Yea, let none that wait on Thee be ashamed:
Let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.
Shew me Thy ways, O Lord;
Teach me Thy paths.
Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me:
For Thou art the God of my salvation;
On Thee do I wait all the day.
Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy lovingkindnesses;
For they have been ever of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:
According to Thy mercy remember Thou me,
For Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son: make me as one of Thy hired servants.

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling,

and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING.

For Thyself, O God Our Father.
For Quiet Sleep.
For Health Restored.
For Thy Holy Word.

I WILL extol Thee, my God, O King;
And I will bless Thy name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless Thee:
I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.
Thou art great, O Lord,
And greatly to be praised;
And Thy greatness is unsearchable.
Thou, Lord, art gracious, and full of compassion.
Slow to anger, and of great mercy.
Thou art good to all:
And Thy tender mercies are over all Thy works.
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.
Thou, O Lord, upholdest all that fall,
And raiseth up those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee.
Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
Thou art righteous in all Thy ways,
And holy in all Thy works.
Thou art nigh unto all them that call upon Thee,
To all that call upon Thee in truth.
Thou wilt fulfil the desire of them that fear Thee:
Thou wilt hear their cry and save them.
Blessed be Thy Holy Name for ever and ever.

O Lord, I will praise Thee:
Though Thou wast angry with me,
Thine anger is turned away and Thou comfortedest me.
O God, Thou art my Salvation:
I will trust and not be afraid:
For Thou, Lord Jehovah, art my strength and my song.

I will praise Thee with my whole heart:
Before the gods will I sing praise unto Thee.
I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth:
For Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name.

In the day when I cried
Thou answeredest me and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.
All the Kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of Thy mouth.
Yea, they shall sing in Thy ways, O Lord:
For great is Thy glory.
Though Thou art high, yet hast Thou respect unto the lowly:
But the proud Thou knowest afar off.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me.
Thou wilt stretch forth Thy hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and Thy right hand shall save me.
Thou wilt perfect that which concerneth me:
Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever:
Forsake not the work of thine own hands.

O God, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee:
My soul thirsteth for Thee,
My flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;
To see Thy power and Thy glory, as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary.
Because Thy lovingkindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise Thee.

Thus will I bless Thee while I live:
I will lift up my hands in Thy name.
Because Thou hast been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.
My soul followeth hard after Thee:
Thy right hand upholdeth me.

I will sing of Thy power;
Yea, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning:
For Thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of trouble.
Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing:
For Thou art my defence, and the God of my mercy.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto Thee, O Lord,
And to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High:
To shew forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning,
And Thy faithfulness every night.
For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work:
I will triumph in the works of Thy hands.
O Lord, how great are Thy works!
And Thy thoughts are very deep.
Thou, Lord, art my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
In my distress I called upon Thee;

And Thou didst hear my voice out of Thy temple,
And my cry didst enter into Thine ears.

Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods?
Who is like unto Thee,
Glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?
Thou in Thy mercy hast led forth the people which
Thou hast redeemed;
Thou hast guided them in Thy strength
Unto Thy holy habitation.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress:
Have mercy upon me and hear my prayer.
Thou hast set apart him that is godly for Thyself:
There be many that say, "Who will show us any good?"
Lord, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon me.
Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.
I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep:
For Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

I WILL praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart;
I will shew forth all Thy marvellous works.
I will be glad and rejoice in Thee:
I will sing praise to Thy name, O Thou most High.
For Thou hast maintained my right and my cause;
Thou art in Thy throne judging right.
Thou art a Refuge for the oppressed,
A Refuge in times of trouble;
And they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee:
For Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee,
Have mercy upon me, O Lord:
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death.

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord.
The entrance of Thy word giveth light.
Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
I will meditate in Thy precepts and have respect unto Thy ways.
I esteem all Thy precepts concerning all things to be right.
Thy word is true from the beginning,
And every one of Thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.
Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.
I have remembered Thy name, O Lord, in the night:
Great peace have they that love Thy law.
Let Thine hand help me;
For I have chosen Thy precepts.

Thou art my lamp, O Lord;
And Thou shalt lighten my darkness.
Thy way is perfect; Thy word is tried;
Thou art a buckler to all them that trust in Thee.
Thou art my shield and my salvation:

And Thy gentleness hath made me great.
Thou hast enlarged my steps under me;
So that my feet do not slip.
Therefore will I give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the people,
And I will sing praises unto Thy name.

Thy Law, O Lord, is perfect, converting the soul:
Thy testimonies, O Lord, are sure, making wise the simple.
Thy statutes, O Lord, are right, rejoicing the heart:
Thy commandment is pure, enlightening the eyes.
Thy fear, O Lord, is clean, enduring for ever:
Thy judgments, O Lord, are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is Thy servant warned:
And in keeping of them there is great reward.
Who can understand his errors?
Cleanse Thou me from secret faults.
Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins;
Let them not have dominion over me;
Then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth,

And the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord:
Thou art good and doest good.
Thy hands have made me and fashioned me:
Give me understanding,
That I may learn Thy commandments.
I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right,
And that Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
Before I was afflicted I went astray:
But now have I kept Thy word.
Unless Thy law had been my delight,
I should have perished in mine affliction.
Let, I pray Thee, Thy merciful kindness be for my comfort;
Let Thy tender mercies come unto me,
That I may live, according to Thy word.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord:
Thou hast commanded us to keep Thy precepts diligently.
O that my ways were directed to keep Thy statutes!
Order my steps in Thy word.
Open mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Quicken me according to Thy word.
Give me understanding, and I will keep Thy law.
Help me to hide Thy word in my heart,
That I might not sin against Thee.
Uphold me according to Thy word.
Let my supplication come before Thee, O Lord,
Let my soul live and it shall praise Thee.

As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it to bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so may Thy word be that goeth forth this day: it shall not return unto Thee void; but it shall accomplish Thy purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto Thou hast sent it.

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

For Conversion.
For Cleansing.
For Guidance.
For a Quiet Tongue.
For Courage.
For Healing.

O LORD, Thou art a God full of compassion, and gracious,
Longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.
O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me.
Bow down Thine ear, O Lord,
Hear me: for I am poor and needy.
Be merciful unto me, O Lord:
For I cry unto Thee daily.
Rejoice the soul of Thy servant:
For unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
For Thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive;
Plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.
Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer;
And attend to the voice of my supplications.

In my day of trouble I will call upon Thee,
For Thou wilt answer me.
Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O Lord;
Neither are there any works like unto Thy works.
All nations whom Thou hast made
Shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord;
And shall glorify Thy name.
For Thou art great and doest wondrous things:
Thou art God alone.
Teach me Thy way, O Lord.
I will walk in Thy truth; unite my heart to fear Thy name.
I will praise Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart:
I will glorify Thy name for evermore.
For great is Thy mercy toward me:
And Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice:
Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Lord, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for Thee, O Lord,
My soul doth wait, and in Thy word do I hope.
My soul waiteth for Thee, O Lord,
More than they that watch for the morning:
I say, more than they that watch for the morning.
Let Thy people hope in Thee, O Lord;
For with Thee there is mercy, and with Thee is plenteous redemption.
Thou shalt redeem Thy people from all their iniquities.

O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me.
Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
Thou understandest my thought afar off.
Thou compasseth my path and my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.
For there is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether.
Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me.
How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God!
How great is the sum of them, they are more in number than the sand:
When I awake, I am still with Thee.
Search me, O God, and know my heart:
Try me, and know my thoughts:
And see if there be any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Blessed be the Lord, because He hath heard the voice of my supplications.

GIVE ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.
Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God:
For unto Thee will I pray.
My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord:
In the morning I will direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up;
For Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness:
Neither shall evil dwell with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness;
Make Thy way straight before my face.
For Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous:
With favour wilt Thou compass them as with a shield.

O Thou that savest by Thy right hand them which put their trust in Thee;
Hold up my goings in Thy paths:
Incline Thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.
Shew Thy marvellous lovingkindness.
Keep me as the apple of the eye,
Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.

Deliver my soul, O Lord, from men of the world,
which have their portion in this life.
As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness;
I will be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice:
Have mercy upon me, and answer me.
When Thou saidst, " Seek ye my face,"
My heart said unto Thee, " Thy face, Lord, will I
seek."
Hide not Thy face far from me;
Put not Thy servant away in anger:
Thou hast been my help;
Leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my
Salvation.
Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications:
In Thy faithfulness answer me.
Enter not into judgment with Thy servant;
For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.
I remember the days of old;
I meditate on Thy works;
I muse on the work of Thy hands.
I stretch forth my hands unto Thee:
My soul thirsteth after Thee, as a thirsty land.
Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit faileth:

Hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them
that go down into the pit.
Cause me to hear Thy lovingkindness in the morning:
For in Thee do I trust:
Cause me to know the way wherein I shall walk:
For I lift up my soul unto Thee.
Teach me to do Thy will:
For Thou art my God.
Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy name's sake:
For Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of
trouble.

O God, my heart is fixed:
I will sing and give praise.
Awake, psaltery and harp:
I myself will awake early.
I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people:
And I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.
For Thy mercy is great above the heavens;
And Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;
And Thy glory above all the earth:
That Thy beloved may be delivered,
Save with Thy right hand, and answer me.
Speak unto me in Thy holiness.
Give me help from trouble:
For vain is the help of man.

LORD, I cry unto Thee; make haste unto me:
Give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto Thee.
Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense:
And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth:
Keep the door of my lips.
Incline not my heart to any evil thing,
To practise wicked works with them that work iniquity:
And let me not eat of their dainties.
Let the righteous smite me;
It shall be a kindness:
And let him reprove me;
It shall be excellent oil, which shall not break my head:
Mine eyes are unto Thee, O God my Lord:
In Thee is my trust:
Leave not my soul destitute.

LORD, Thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is;

Who by the mouth of Thy servant David hath said:

Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

The kings of the earth stood up and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against His Christ.

For of a truth, against Thy holy child Jesus, whom Thou hast anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel were gathered together, for to do whatsoever Thy hand and Thy counsel determined before to be done.

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings; and grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy word, by stretching forth Thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of Thy holy child Jesus.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine anger,
Neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.
Have mercy upon me, O Lord: for I am weak:
O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed.
My soul is sore vexed.
O Lord, deliver my soul;
Oh save me for Thy mercies' sake.
O Lord, hear my supplication, receive my prayer.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed:
Save me, and I shall be saved:
For Thou art my praise.
O Lord, recover me, and make me to live.

Strengthen Thou me on the bed of languishing:
For Thou, Lord, wilt make my bed in my sickness.
O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up.
Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief.

O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee,
And Thou hast healed me.
O Lord, Thou hast brought up my soul from the grave:
Thou hast kept me alive,

That I should not go down to the pit.
Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy cometh in the morning.
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me:
Lord, be Thou my Helper.
Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing:
Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto Thee for ever.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
Comfort our hearts, and establish us in every good word and work.

A PASTOR'S PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

For Guidance and Grace.

HEAVENLY Father,
I am but a little child, I know not how to go out or come in:
And I am in the midst of Thy people.
Give therefore Thy servant an understanding heart
To judge Thy people, that I may discern between good and bad:
For who is able to judge this Thy so great a people?

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself:
It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.
O Lord, correct me, but with judgment;
Not in Thine anger, lest Thou bring me to nothing.

O that Thou wouldst bless me indeed,
And enlarge my border,
And that Thine hand might be with me,

And that Thou wouldest keep me from evil,
That it be not to my sorrow.

O Lord God, Thou hast begun to shew Thy servant
Thy greatness, and Thy mighty hand:
For what God is there in heaven or in earth,
That can do according to Thy works,
And according to Thy might?

O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh,
Shall one man sin,
And wilt Thou be wroth with all the congregation?

I thank Thee, Christ Jesus my Lord,
Who hast enabled me,
For Thou hast counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.

Now to Him that is of power to stablish you
According to my Gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ,
According to the revelation of the mystery,
Which was kept secret since the world began,
But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets,
According to the commandment of the Everlasting God,

Made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:
To God only wise, be glory through Christ Jesus for ever. Amen.

Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father: to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE.

A Cry for Help.
A Cry for Peace.
A Cry in the Night.
A Cry that was heard.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, do I cry.
Unto Thee, O Lord, do I make mine supplication.
I pour out my complaint before Thee,
I lay before Thee my trouble.
When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,
Then Thou knewest my path.
In the way wherein I walk a snare hath been laid for me.
I look on my right hand, and behold there is no man that knows me:
Refuge hath failed me; no man careth for my soul.
I cry unto Thee, O Lord,
For Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.
Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low:

Prayers in the Day of Trouble

Deliver me from my persecutors: for they are stronger than I.
Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy name:
Deal bountifully with me, O Lord my God.

Who is like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity?
That retaineth not Thy anger for ever,
Because Thou delightest in mercy.
O Lord God, turn again and have compassion on us;
Subdue our iniquities;
Cast our sins into the depth of the sea.

My God, my God, why hast Thou forsăken me?
Why art Thou so far from helping me?
O my God, I cry unto Thee in the daytime,
But thou answerest me not;
And in the night season, but find no rest.
Thou art Holy.
Our Fathers trusted in Thee:
They trusted, and Thou didst deliver them.
Be not far from me:
For trouble is near; for there is none to help.
O my strength, haste Thee to help me.
Save me from the lion's mouth:
For Thou hast heard me from the horns of the wild oxen.

I will declare Thy name unto my brethren;
In the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee.
I will pay my vows before them that fear Thee.

How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord? For ever?
How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?
How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily?
How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and hear me, O Lord my God;
Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
Lest mine enemy say, "I have prevailed against him,"
And those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.
But I have trusted in Thy mercy;
My heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.
I will sing unto Thee, O Lord,
Because Thou hast dealt bountifully with me.

Prayers in the Day of Trouble

HAVE mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
My life is spent with sorrow and my years with sighing.
I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind:
I am like a broken vessel.
I trust in Thee, O Lord: Thou art my God.
My times are in Thy hand:
Oh how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up
For them that fear Thee;
Which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee
Before the sons of men!
Thou shalt hide them in the secret of Thy presence
From the pride of man;
Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion
From the strife of tongues.
Blessed be Thy name, O Lord:
For Thou hast shewed me Thy marvellous kindness
In a strong city.

Lord, how are they increased that trouble me!
Many are they that rise up against me.

Many there be which say of my soul, " There is no help for him in God."
But Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me;
My glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
I cried unto Thee, O Lord, with my voice, and Thou didst hear me out of Thy holy hill.
I laid me down and slept;
I awaked; for Thou, Lord, didst sustain me.
I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me.
Salvation belongeth unto Thee:
Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

O LORD God of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before Thee:
Let my prayer come before Thee:
Incline Thine ear unto my cry;
For my soul is full of troubles,
And my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
I am counted with them that go down to the pit:
I am a man that hath no strength.
Wilt Thou shew wonders to the dead?
Shall the dead rise and praise Thee?
Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord;
And in the morning shall my prayer go before me.
Lord, why castest Thou off my soul?
Why hidest Thou Thy face from me?

Give ear to my prayer, O God;
And hide not Thyself from my supplication.
Attend unto me, and hear me.
My heart is sore pained within me.
Oh that I had the wings of a dove!
For then would I fly away, and be at rest.
Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness.

I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud.

On Thee, O Lord, I cast my burden; sustain me, because I trust in Thee.

I LOVE Thee, O Lord, my strength.
Thou, Lord, art my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer;
My God, my Strength, in Thee I will trust;
My buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.
I call upon Thee, O Lord, who art worthy to be praised:
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
The sorrows of death compassed me,
And the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.
The sorrows of hell compassed me about;
The snares of death prevented me.
In my distress I called upon Thee, O Lord,
And cried unto Thee, my God.
Thou didst hear my voice out of Thy temple.
Thou didst bring me forth also into a large place.
Thou deliverest me, because Thou delightest in me.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee:
The Lord make His face to shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up His countenance upon Thee,
And give thee peace.

May the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE BORDERLAND.

Of Thanksgiving:

For Thyself, O Lord,
For Thy Providence and Thy Grace.

Of Intercession and Petition:

For a Mediator,
For Understanding—
Of the Measure of my Days,
Of the Midst of my Days',
Of Mine Old Age.

Of Trust:

In the Shepherd.

Of Triumph:

Over Ignorance,
Over Death,
Over the Grave.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgiveth all mine iniquities;
Who healeth all my diseases;
Who redeemeth my life from destruction;
Who crowneth me with lovingkindness and tender mercy;
Thou, Lord, art merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
Thou wilt not always chide;
Neither wilt Thou keep Thy anger for ever.
Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins,
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is Thy mercy toward them that fear Thee.
As far as the East is from the West, so far hast Thou removed our transgressions from us.
Like as a father pitieth his children, so Thou dost pity all who fear Thee.
Thou knowest our frame;
Thou rememberest that we are dust.
Our days are as grass:

As a flower of the field, so we flourish.
The wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
But Thy mercy, O Lord, is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Thee,
And Thy righteousness unto children's children.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.
Thou turnest man to dust: and sayest, "Return, ye children of men."
For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.
Thou carriest them away as with a flood;
They are as a sleep:
In the morning they are like the grass which groweth up;
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee,
Our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.
We spend our years as a tale that is told.
The days of our years are threescore years and ten;
And if by reason of strength they be fourscore years,
Yet is their strength labour and sorrow:
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
Who knoweth the power of Thine anger?

And Thy wrath according to the fear that is due unto
Thee?
So teach us to number our days,
That we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
O satisfy us early with Thy mercy;
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou
hast afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen evil.
Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants,
And Thy glory unto their children.
And let Thy beauty, O Lord our God, be upon us:
And establish Thou the work of our hands upon us;
Yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

O GOD,
When I lie down, I say, "When shall I arise, and the night be gone?"
And I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.
My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
And are spent without hope.
When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint;
Then Thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me with visions;
I would not live alway; my days are vanity.
What is man, that Thou shouldest magnify him?
And that Thou shouldest set Thy heart upon him?
And that shouldest visit him every morning,
And try him every moment?
O that one might plead for a man with God,
As a man pleadeth for his friend.
Is there a daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both?
O that I knew where I might find him!
That I might come even to His seat!
O God, hear my cry!

LORD, make me to know mine end,
And the measure of my days, what it is;
That I may know how frail I am.
Behold, Thou hast made my days as an handbreath;
And mine age is as nothing before Thee:
And now, Lord, what wait I for?
My hope is in Thee.
Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry:
For I am a stranger with Thee, and a sojourner,
As all my fathers were.
O spare me, that I may recover strength,
Before I go hence, and be no more.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto Thee.
Hide not Thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble;
Incline Thine ear unto me:
In the day when I call answer speedily.
For my days are consumed like smoke:
They are like unto a shadow that declineth;
But Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever,
And Thy remembrance unto all generations.
O God, take me not away in the midst of my days:
Thy years are throughout all generations.
Of old Thou hast laid the foundation of the earth;
And the heavens are the work of Thy hands.
They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure;
Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment;
As a vesture shalt Thou change them,
And they shall be changed:
But Thou art the same and Thy years have no end.
Regard my prayer, O Lord, for I am poor and needy.

O Lord, by these high and holy things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit;
So wilt Thou recover me, and make me to live.

O LORD God, Thou art my trust from my youth.
Cast me not off in the time of my old age;
Forsake me not when my strength faileth.
O God, be not far from me:
O my God, make haste for my help.
I will go in Thy strength, my Lord God:
I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of Thine only.
O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth.
Now also, when I am old and greyheaded,
O God, forsake me not:
O Thou Holy One, my lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto Thee;
Thou hast redeemed my soul.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord;
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death;
That I may shew forth all Thy praise.

THOU Lord art my Shepherd; I shall not want.
Thou makest me to lie down in green pastures:
Thou leadest me beside the still waters.
Thou restorest my soul:
Thou leadest me in the paths of righteousness for Thy name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
For Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil;
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in Thy house for ever.

O LORD, Thou art my Refuge and my Fortress;
My God; in Thee will I trust.
Thy truth shall be my shield and buckler.
I will not be afraid for the terror by night;
Nor the arrow that flieth by day:
Nor the pestilence that walketh in darkness;
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
For Thou wilt give Thine angels charge concerning me,
To keep me in all my ways;
They shall bear me up in their hands,
Lest I dash my foot against a stone.
Thou hast set Thy love upon me to deliver me.

O LORD my God, I am continually with Thee;
Thou hast holden me by my right hand.
Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel,
And afterward receive me to glory.
Whom have I in heaven but Thee?
And there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee.
My flesh and my heart faileth:
But Thou art the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.
It is good for me to draw near unto Thee.
In Thee do I trust.

Although the fig tree shall not blossom,
Neither shall fruit be in the vines;
The labour of the olive shall fail,
And the fields shall yield no meat;
The flock be cut off from the fold,
And there shall be no herd in the stalls:
Yet will I rejoice in Thee, O Lord,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.
Thou, Lord God, art my strength and my song.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty,
Which art, and wast, and art to come;

Because Thou hast taken to Thee Thy great power,
And hast reigned.

Thou, Lord, wilt deliver me from every evil work,
And wilt keep me unto Thy heavenly kingdom:
Unto Thy name be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Though Thou slayest me, yet will I trust in Thee.

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

O GOD, do not condemn me:
Remember, I beseech Thee, that Thou hast made me as the clay;
And wilt Thou bring me into the dust again?
Thou hast granted me life and favour,
And Thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.
I know that my Redeemer liveth,
And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
After I shall awake, though this body be destroyed,
Yet out of my flesh shall I see God:
Whom I shall see for myself,
And mine eyes shall behold, and not a stranger.

Two things have I required of Thee, O Lord;
Deny me them not before I die;
Remove from me vanity and lies;
Give me neither poverty nor riches;
Feed me with food convenient for me;
Lest I be full, and deny Thee, and say,
"Who is the Lord?"

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace,
According to Thy word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles,
And the glory of Thy people Israel.

Keep me, O God: for in Thee do I put my trust.
Thou, Lord, art the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:
Thou maintainest my lot.
My lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places:
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
I will praise Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast counselled me;
My reins also instruct me in the night seasons.
I have set Thee, O Lord, always before me:
Because Thou art at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:
My flesh also shall rest in hope.
For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave:
Neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.
Thou wilt shew me the path of life:
In Thy presence is fulness of joy:
At Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Heavenly Father,
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
Or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
For Thy sake we are killed all the day long:
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors,
Through Him that loved us.
For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life,
Nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers,
Nor things present, nor things to come,
Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature,
Shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

O Lord, Thou art my God;
I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name;
For Thou hast done wonderful things;
Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.
For Thou hast been a stronghold to the poor,
A strength to the needy in distress,
A refuge from the storm,
A shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against a wall.
Thou wilt swallow up death in victory;
And Thou wilt wipe away tears from all faces;

And the reproach of Thy people,
Thou wilt take away from off all the earth.

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time. Amen.

PART II—COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE.

For Thyself, O God Our Father.
For Thy Strength and Mercy to Us.
For Thy Unfailing Providence.
For the Coming of Jesus.

BLESSED be Thou, Lord God of Israel our Father, for ever and ever.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty:

For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine;

Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honour come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all;

And in Thine hand is power and might,

And in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

Now, therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name.

We are strangers before Thee, and sojourners, as were
all our fathers:
Our days on the earth re as a shadow, and there is
none abiding.
O Lord our God, Thu triest the heart, and hast
pleasure in uprighness.
Keep this for ever in te imagination of the thoughts
of the heart of Th people,
And prepare their hea unto Thee.

O Lord God, Thou hst made the heaven
And the earth by Th great power
And by Thy outstretned arm:
There is nothing too ard for Thee.

Thou art the blessed only Potentate,
The King of kings, ad Lord of lords;
Who only hath immtality,
Dwelling in the ligt which no man can approach
unto;
Whom no man hath een, nor can see:
To whom be honour nd power everlasting. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy, Lrd God Almighty,
Which was, and is, nd is to come.
Thou art worthy, (Lord,
To receive glory an honour and power:

For Thou hast created all things,
And for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power,
Unto Thee, O Lord our God:
For true and righteous are Thy judgments:
King of kings and Lord of lords.

O LORD God of Hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto Thee?
Thou hast a mighty arm:
Strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand.
Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne:
Mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.
Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound:
They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.
In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day:
And in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.
For Thou art the glory of their strength;
And in Thy favour shall we rejoice.
For Thou, Lord, art our defence;
The Holy One of Israel is our King.
Blessed be the Lord for evermore.
Amen, and Amen.

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens,
And Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.
Thy righteousness is like the great mountains;
Thy judgments are a great deep:
O Lord, Thou preservest man and beast.
How excellent is Thy lovingkindness, O God!
Therefore the children of men put their trust under
the shadow of Thy wings.
They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness
of Thy house;
And Thou shalt make them drink of the river of
Thy pleasures.
For with Thee is the fountain of life:
In Thy light we shall see light.
O continue Thy lovingkindness unto them that
know Thee;
And Thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

O THOU that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall
all flesh come.
By terrible things in righteousness wilt Thou answer
us,
O God of our salvation;
Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth,
And of them that are afar off upon the sea.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it;
Thou dost greatly enrich it with the river of God, which is full of water:
Thou preparest our corn, when Thou hast so provided for it.
Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly;
Thou settlest the furrows thereof;
Thou makest it soft with showers;
Thou blessest the springing thereof.
Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness;
And Thy paths drop fatness.
They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness;
And the hills rejoice on every side.
The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered over with corn;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel;
For He hath visited and redeemed His people,
And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us
In the house of His servant David.
O Lord God, grant unto us,
That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies,
Might serve Thee without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before Thee,
All the days of our life.

We praise Thee, O God,
Because Thou hast given unto us all things
That pertain unto life and godliness,
Through the knowledge of Jesus our Lord,
Who hath called us to glory and virtue;
Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises;
That by these we might be partakers of the divine nature,
And escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.
Enable us to add to our faith virtue;
And to virtue knowledge;

And to knowledge temperance;
And to temperance patience;
And to patience godliness;
And to godliness brotherly kindness;
And to brotherly kindness charity.
May these things abide in us, in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed art Thou, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who hast blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:
According as Thou hast chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world,
That we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:
Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children
By Christ Jesus to Thyself,
According to the good pleasure of Thy will,
To the praise of the glory of Thy grace,
Wherein Thou hast made us accepted in the beloved.
In whom we have redemption
Through His blood,
The forgiveness of sins,
According to the riches of Thy grace.

May we grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory, both now and for ever. Amen.

Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Jesus Christ: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION.

Of Sin:

Personal, Social, and National.

O LORD, the great and dreadful God,
Keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love Thee,
And to them that keep Thy commandments:
We have sinned and committed iniquity,
And have done wickedly, and have rebelled,
Even by departing from Thy precepts and from Thy judgments:
O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face,
But unto Thee mercy and forgiveness.
O Lord our God, hearken unto our prayer,
And to our supplications,
And cause Thy face to shine upon us,
For we do not present our supplications unto Thee
For our righteousness, but for Thy great mercies.
O Lord, hear;
O Lord, forgive;
O Lord, hearken and do:
Defer not, for Thine own sake, O my God.

Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Arise for our help, and redeem us for Thy mercies' sake, O God of our salvation.

O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us,
Work Thou for Thy name's sake:
For our backslidings are many;
We have sinned against Thee.
Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy name;
Leave us not.
We acknowledge, O Lord, our wickedness;
For we have sinned against Thee.
Do not abhor us, for Thy name's sake;
Remember, break not Thy covenant with us.
O Lord our God, we wait upon Thee.

Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity?
That retaineth not Thy anger for ever,
Because Thou delightest in mercy.
O Lord God, turn again and have compassion on us;
Subdue our iniquities:
Cast our sins into the depths of the sea.

O LORD, remember not against us former iniquities:
Let Thy tender mercies speedily go before us:
For we are brought very low:
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name:
And deliver us, and purge away our sins,
For Thy name's sake.
Let the sighing of the prisoner come before Thee:
According to the greatness of Thy power
Preserve Thou those that are appointed to die.
And we Thy people will give Thee thanks for ever;
We will shew forth Thy praise to all generations.

BEHOLD, we come unto Thee: for Thou art the Lord our God.
Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills,
And from the multitude of the mountains:
Truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Thy people.
We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us:
For we have sinned against Thee, O Lord our God,
We and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day,
And have not obeyed Thy voice, O Lord our God.
Our transgressions are multiplied before Thee,
And our sins testify against us:
For our transgressions are with us,
And as for our iniquities, we know them.

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God and Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

For the Church.
For the Home.
For the Nation.
For use in Days that may come.
For the King.
A Mother's Prayer.
For the People of Other Religions.
For Seekers.
For Finders.
For All.

O THOU, who art the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The Father of glory,
Give unto us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him;
Let the eyes of our understanding be enlightened;
That we may know what is the hope of Thy calling,
And what is the riches of the glory of Thy inheritance in the saints,
And what is the exceeding greatness of Thy power to us-ward who believe,
According to the working of Thy mighty power,
Which Thou hast wrought in Christ,

When Thou didst raise Him from the dead,
And set Him at Thy own right hand in the heavenly
places,
Far above all principality, and power, and might, and
dominion,
And every name that is named,
Not only in this world, but also in that which is to
come;
And hast put all things under His feet,
And gavest Him to be the head
Over all things to the Church, which is His body,
The fulness of Him that filleth all in all.

O Lord God, wilt Thou indeed dwell upon the
earth?
Behold the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot
contain Thee;
How much less this house which we have builded?
Yet have Thou respect unto the prayers of Thy
servants,
And to their supplications, O Lord my God.
That Thy eyes may be open toward this house night
and day,
Even toward the place of which Thou hast said,
" My name shall be there ":
Hearken unto the prayer which Thy servants shall
make within this place.

Prayers of Intercession

Hearken unto the supplications of Thy servants,
when they shall pray within this place:
Hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place;
And when Thou hearest, forgive.

O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared
to build Thee an house for Thine Holy Name,
cometh of Thine hand, and is all Thine own.

THOU art great, O Lord God:
For there is none like Thee,
Neither is there any God beside Thee,
According to all that we have heard with our ears.
O Lord God, Thou art God, and Thy words are true,
And Thou hast promised this goodness unto Thy
servant:
Let it please Thee to bless the house of Thy servant,
That it may continue for ever before Thee:
For Thou, O Lord God, hast promised it;
And with Thy blessing let the house of Thy servant
Be blessed for ever.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us:
And cause Thy face to shine upon us.
That Thy way may be known upon the earth,
Thy saving health among the nations.
Let the people praise Thee, O God;
Let all the people praise Thee.
O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:
For Thou shalt judge the people righteously,
And govern the nations upon the earth.
Let the people praise Thee, O God:
Let all the people praise Thee.
Then shall the earth yield her increase;
And God, even our God, shall bless us.
Thou shalt bless us:
And all the ends of the earth shall fear Thee.

O Lord, why standest Thou afar off?
Why hidest Thou Thyself in times of trouble?
The wicked in His pride doth persecute the poor:
He seeketh Thee not, neither art Thou in all his thoughts.
He lieth in wait to catch the poor.
Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up Thine hand.
Break Thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man:

Seek out his wickedness till Thou find none;
That the man of the earth may no more oppress.
Arise, O Lord, lift up Thy hand,
Forget not the wretched.

O God, Thou hast cast us off, Thou hast scattered us,
Thou hast been displeased;
O turn Thyself to us again.
Thou hast made the earth to tremble;
Thou hast broken it:
Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
Thou hast shewed Thy people hard things;
Thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.
Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee,
That it may be displayed because of truth.
Give us help from trouble:
For vain is the help of man.

Lord, it is nothing with Thee to help,
Whether with many, or with them that have no power:
Help us, O Lord our God; for we trust in Thee,
And in Thy name we go against this multitude.
O Lord, Thou art our God;
Let not man prevail against Thee.

O Lord God of our fathers, art not Thou God in heaven?
And rulest not Thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen?
And in Thine hand is there not power and might,
So that none is able to withstand Thee?
If when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine,
And we stand before Thee
And cry unto Thee in our affliction,
O Lord God, hear us and help us:
Our eyes are upon Thee.

O our God, wilt Thou not judge them?
For we have no might against this great company that cometh against us;
Neither know we what to do:
But our eyes are upon Thee.

Save us, O God of our Salvation,
And gather us together, and deliver us,
That we may give thanks to Thy Holy Name
And glory in Thy praise.
Blessed be the Lord God for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord God, Thou art our Father:
We are the clay, and Thou our potter;

And we all are the work of Thy hand.
Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
Neither remember iniquity for ever:
Behold, see, we beseech Thee,
We are all Thy people.
Thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.
Our holy and beautiful house,
Where our fathers praised Thee, is burned up with fire;
And all our pleasant things are laid waste.
Wilt Thou refrain Thyself for these things, O Lord?
Wilt Thou hold Thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

O GOD, give the King Thy judgments,
And Thy righteousness unto the king's son.
Cause him to judge Thy people with righteousness,
And Thy poor with justice.
Cause him to judge the poor of the people,
To save the children of the needy, and break in pieces the oppressor.
Let him have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the river unto the ends of the earth.

Let his name endure for ever:
Let it continue as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him:
Let the nations call him blessed.
Blessed be the Lord God, who only doeth wondrous things,
Blessed be Thy name for ever:
And let the whole earth be filled with Thy glory.
Amen, and Amen.

O LORD of hosts,
If Thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of Thine handmaid,
And remember me, and not forget Thine handmaid,
But wilt give unto Thine handmaid a man child,
Then will I give him unto Thee, O Lord,
All the days of his life.

THE good Lord pardon every one that prepareth his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of our sanctuary.

O LORD God,
Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of Thy holiness and of Thy glory. Doubtless, Thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer: Thy name is from everlasting.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread:
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

PASTORAL INTERCESSIONS.

For Pardon.
For Guidance.
For Fulness of Life.

I BESEECH Thee, O Lord God of heaven,
The great and terrible God,
That keepeth covenant and mercy
For them that love Thee and keep Thy commandments:
Let now Thine ear be attentive, and Thine eyes open,
That Thou mayest hear the prayers of Thy servant,
Which I pray before Thee now, day and night,
For Thy people,
And confess the sins of Thy people,
Which we have sinned against Thee.
We have dealt very corruptly against Thee,
And have not kept Thy commandments.
We are Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed
By Thy great power and Thy strong hand.
O Lord, I beseech Thee, let now Thine ear be attentive
To my prayer and answer me.

Pastoral Intercessions

O Lord, this people have sinned a great sin,
And have made them gods of gold.
Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin:
And if not,
Blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy book which Thou hast written.

O Lord God, destroy not Thy people and Thine inheritance,
Which Thou hast redeemed through Thy greatness,
Which Thou hast brought forth out of Egypt
With a mighty hand.

Pardon, I beseech Thee, the iniquity of this people,
According unto the greatness of Thy mercy,
And as Thou hast forgiven this people, even until now.

I BOW my knees unto Thee, The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
That Thou wouldest grant unto us,
According to the riches of Thy glory,
To be strengthened with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man;

That Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith;
That we, being rooted and grounded in love,
May be able to comprehend with all saints,
What is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge,
That we might be filled with the fulness of God.

O GOD our Father we pray for our people
That they may be filled with the knowledge of Thy will,
In all wisdom and spiritual understanding:
That they may walk worthy of Thee, O Lord,
Unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work.
And increasing in knowledge of Thee;
Strengthened with all might, according to Thy glorious power,
Unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;
Giving thanks unto Thee, the Father,
Which has made us meet to be partakers
Of the inheritance of the saints in light:
Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness,

And hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
In whom we have redemption through His blood,
Even the forgiveness of sins.

The Lord direct your hearts unto the love of God, and unto the patient waiting for Christ.

Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

I pray Thee, if I have found grace in Thy sight,
Shew me Thy ways, that I may know Thee,
To the end that I may find grace in Thy sight,
And consider that this nation is Thy people.

May grace and peace from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, abide upon us, according to the will of God, our Father:
To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

My love be with you all in Christ Jesus.

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever. Amen.

BROKEN UTTERANCES.

We would see Jesus.
Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.
Abide with us, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.
O my soul march on with strength!

O Lord my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction.
Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and of great kindness.
Arise for my help and redeem me for Thy mercies' sake.

Remember me, O my God for good.
Let them that love Thee be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.
O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.
Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Hold not Thy peace, O God of my praise.

Do Thou for me, O God the Lord, for Thy name's sake.

We are become as they over whom Thou never barest rule; as they that were not called by Thy name.

Take away all iniquity and receive us graciously.

Woe is me for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts.

O Lord, Thou art righteous; behold we are before Thee in our guiltiness.

Help me, O Lord my God: O save me according to Thy mercy.

Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips and a deceitful tongue.

O Lord, I am oppressed, undertake for me.

O Lord God, forgive I beseech Thee.

Broken Utterances

If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean.

Strengthen, O God, that which Thou hast wrought for us.

Restore unto us the years that the locust and canker-worm have eaten.

Lord, increase our faith.

Lord, I believe: help Thou mine unbelief.

My soul doth magnify Thee, O Lord.

Nothing shall be impossible with Thee.

Thanks be unto Thee, for Thy unspeakable gift.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

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